



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



**ST MICHAEL,
SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE**

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11th April 2021- EASTER SUNDAY (year B)

Timetable of Online Masses and Services. For Online Masses, go to www.carloacutis.co.uk

Saturday Vigil Mass	5.30 pm St Michael Kate & Cyril Mitchell RIP
Divine Mercy Sunday	9.00 St Bernadette pro populo
11th April	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online Ellen Finnegan RIP
Booked seats only!	11.30 St Michael Austin Bayley & members of the Bayley family RIP
	5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy
Monday 12 th April	6.30pm St Michael Patrick Kelly (ill)
Tuesday 13 th April	9.30 am SS Peter & Paul and Online Dan O'Hara RIP
Wednesday 14 th	12.00 Midday SS Peter & Paul and Online Catherine Doyle
	12.00 Midday St Bernadette Bianca Margarita
Thursday 15 th April	10.00 Holy Hour St Bernadette's
	12.00 Midday St Michael Robert Robbins RIP
Friday 16 th April	9.30 am St Bernadette Margaret Phiri (ill)
	12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul and Online Funeral Mass Dan O'Hara RIP (by invitation only)
Saturday 17 th April	Confessions 11.00am at St Michael's
Saturday Vigil Mass	5.30 pm St Michael Ann Bayley
Sunday	9.00 St Bernadette Hubert Kelly RIP
18th April	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online Pro populo
Booked seats only!	11.30 St Michael John Grady RIP
	5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy

For the moment, Mass is celebrated in private at the Carmelite Convent but the sisters continue to pray for us, day and night.

PLEASE Remember to book for Saturday Evening and Sunday Masses. If you discover that for some reason, you cannot come, please cancel your booking at least 3 hours before the service.

Someone else would be most grateful for your place.

Booking places for Sunday Masses:

FOR ST MICHAEL, please email or ring Sr Lydwin on 01902 341343 on Thursday and Friday.

FOR SS PETER & PAUL, please ring or text Val on 07934905283.

FOR ST BERNADETTE, please ring Judith on 01902 620 764 between 6.30pm and 7.30pm on *Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays* or email judithpitt64@gmail.com

Blessings for Eastertide

Many thanks for your Easter Offerings for the priests last weekend. Thank you for your continuing generosity. May God Bless you throughout the Easter Season!

Many thanks also to all who worked so hard to prepare our Easter Services: Flowers, serving, readings and music. Considering the Covid Restrictions, we were able to celebrate Easter with due solemnity!
Many thanks!

Parish News and Activities

STEWARDS AND CLEANERS

The public Celebration of Mass in our churches, even a quiet Mass on a weekday, is only possible because of our volunteers who clean after each Mass and who steward the Masses that you come to. Our team of Stewards and cleaners is quite small and many of them have been working every week now since last July. ***Please could you consider volunteering to be a steward or a cleaner in order to take the pressure of our small team?***

At **St Michael's** every Monday at 11am a team of parishioners does what we call a deep clean. It involves hoovering the carpets, mopping the floors and wiping all the benches and kneelers with anti-viral spray. The team have faithfully done this all the way through the pandemic and we are all thankful and grateful for their hard work. This is on top of other cleaning by stewards and a team of parishioners who clean by using the fogging machine. They have all stood together to keep our Church open and safe to use. We thank them all. St Michael's would like to form a second deep clean team so that the rota is every other Monday instead of every Monday, for that we need a minimum of six volunteers. If you feel that you can offer an hour of your time on Mondays at 11am please contact Diane on 07763768376 or email diwelch75@hotmail.com. Thankyou.

At **SS Peter & Paul** And **St Bernadette's**, the need is for more stewards at Mass who can also stay afterwards for 5 minutes to wipe the church down. If you are able to help us, please contact one of the priests or the sisters.

The Syro Malabar Liturgy as you may know, is now celebrated every Sunday Afternoon at 5.00pm The Syro-Malabar Catholic Church (Syriac: ܩܕܝܫܐ ܕܡܠܒܐܪ ܕܡܕܢܚܐ) is an Eastern Catholic Major Archiepiscopal Church based in Kerala, India. It is a particular church in full communion with the pope and the worldwide Catholic Church, with self-governance under the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches (CCEO). The Church is headed by the Metropolitan and Gate of all India Major Archbishop Mar George Cardinal Alencherry. The Syro-Malabar is a prefix coined from the words Syriac as the church employs the East Syriac Rite liturgy, and Malabar which is the historical name for modern Kerala.

Online Services and Activities

The following services and parish activities can be found by going to our 'Online Activities and Bulletin' page of our website www.carloacutis.co.uk

Children's Liturgy Online

Praying the psalms together Online

Little Fishes Online A parents, baby and toddler group

Carlos' Coffee Club A new opportunity for anyone over 60 to be part of an online group.

Learning More about our Faith

The Bible Time- Line Course Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. This started on **Wed 7th April 2021 at 7pm** UK time (x8 Wednesday evening sessions). Info & Registration: comeandsee.org

Celebration of our New Parish Patron Blessed Carlo Acutis

When it is possible for us all to gather again together, we will have a big celebration of our new parish Patron Blessed Carlo Acutis. Over the next few weeks, we will begin to prepare for this event with a new parish prayer card and there will be some other promotional material. We will also be organising events where it will be possible to venerate our relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

In the meantime, here is a brief summary of his life and witness.

Born in London, in 1991, Carlo and his family soon moved back to Italy, where he grew up as an ordinary only child. He loved football, Pokémon, action films, and all animals (he had four dogs, two cats and many goldfish as pets). From early childhood, his first love was Our Lord in the Eucharist.

Neither of his parents were religious, yet from an early age Carlo never wanted to pass a church without going in to “say hello to Jesus.” As a result, his mother came back to faith, then his father. Carlo received his First Holy Communion early, at his own request, in a local convent, entering under a doorway that said “God is enough.”

Carlo’s love, appreciation and reverence for the Eucharist were exceptional. “The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven!” he would say. And, “If we get in front of the sun, we get sun tans, but when we get in front of Jesus in the Eucharist, we become Saints.”

He never missed daily Mass, even when (from the age of eleven) he began visiting Eucharistic miracles all over the world with his parents, documenting them. A “computer genius” and possible future patron saint of the internet, by age fourteen he had created a Eucharistic Miracle display that would tour the world, along with a website. He believed that if people knew that Jesus was truly in the Eucharist, they would turn to God.

Carlo knew he would die young, even predicting the cause of his death and his weight at the time. His mother said, “Carlo always had a sense that he couldn’t waste time.” He hated to be enslaved by anything, so although he loved computer games, he allowed himself to play for only one hour a week, and gave the rest of his time to good works helping children, the elderly, and the poor. As soon as he was confirmed, age eleven, he became a catechist. He met and chatted with many migrants, standing sponsor for one when he got baptized. He was popular at school, but also befriended children who were unhappy at home, defended the disabled, and treated girls with an old-fashioned purity that challenged everyone. He would defend his Catholic faith — including his pro-life views — fearlessly in class.

Then, in early October, 2006, Carlo became ill with flu — so it was thought, until his condition deteriorated. He was admitted to hospital, receiving a terrible diagnosis: “It is a devastating leukemia.” The fifteen-year-old boy who loved to laugh had days to live. Carlo took the news calmly, immediately offering all his sufferings for the Pope, the Church, and his own direct entry into heaven (he had a horror of purgatory). “I am happy to die,” he said, “because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things which do not please God.”



Devotion so Blessed Carlo began immediately after his death with his parents being surprised by so many unknown people who attended his funeral including some of the homeless from the city who knew him. His fame then spread quickly and then on October 12, 2013, seven years after Carlo’s death, a child, affected by a congenital malformation (annular pancreas), when it was his turn to touch the picture of the future blessed, expressed a singular wish, like a prayer: ‘I wish I could stop vomiting so much.’ Healing began immediately, to the point that the physiology of the organ in question changed.” This was eventually recognised as a miracle and Carlo was Beatified last year on October 12th in Assisi.



On the left is our relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. The reliquary contains some of his hair. On the right you can see we have housed the reliquary in the centre of the cross of St Francis. This is because Blessed Carlo had a very strong devotion to St Francis and asked to be buried in Assisi when he died.

First Holy Communions Please remember in your prayers the children who could not receive their First Holy Communion last year. Small groups of two or three children from SS Peter & Paul's School and St Michael's School will be making their First Holy Communion at Sunday Masses over the next few weeks. **These will be normal Sunday Masses and only the children and their parents will be booked into these Masses.** Social distancing will need to be respected afterwards in the car park. We do hope, however, to have a bigger celebration when the restrictions are relaxed.

Mission and Outreach

ADDRESSING LOCAL NEED: Much-welcomed supplies can be dropped off at any time for the Good Shepherd Ministry via 2, Richmond Rd WV3 9HY Thank you for your kindness.

Thanks to all who supported, encouraged, sponsored, and donated to Petula's CAFOD 'Walk For Water' challenge this Lent. I walked over 500,000 steps (400km) in 40 days to help end water poverty and raised **£791.00** This will make a huge difference to the lives of those who suffer water poverty. If you would still like to donate, you can put a donation in an envelope and bring it to church (all three churches). Please write "CAFOD - Petula's Walk for Water" on the envelope. Alternatively, you can use the JustGiving link below: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cafods-walk-for-water-challenge> Many thanks, Petula

THE FOOD COLLECTION The Food Collection takes place at: St Bernadette at all Masses; SS Peter&Paul at the 10.15 Mass; St Michael at all Masses AND Tuesday 1-2, Thursday and Saturday 10-11. In addition to UHT milk & cereal; tins of meat/fish/vegetables/ fruit/custard/ rice pudding; toiletries; FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES would be greatly appreciated. This week's donations have been distributed to local families via Stratton St Methodist Church. Thank you for your continued support!

Life Charity Shop Re-opening: The shop will reopen on Monday 12th April with a lovely range of items. We thank all who have saved goods ready to donate. Small amounts (1 or 2 bags) can be handed in at the shop at any time. Please note that because storage space is limited, the shop can only accept larger amounts on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and that a **delivery slot MUST be booked** in advance. Ring the shop on 01902 420656 to make arrangements. If you can't take items to the shop yourself, they can be collected from you or left at Rosalie's house. Please contact Rosalie on 01902 330553 to make arrangements.

Second Collection this Sunday As the Catholic Women's League were not able to hold their Good Friday Soup lunch for Cafod this year, there will be an optional second collection at **St Bernadette's and St Michael's** this weekend organised by the Catholic Women's League. If anyone would like to donate via Internet banking, the code is as follows: 309089 /35460868. REF: CWL /CAFOD. Contact: Margaret Pennington 07531 227761 /01902 620909.

At **SS Peter & Paul** we will be having the collection for the Holy Places that should have taken place on Good Friday. Sorry for the confusion!

Finances

Many thanks to all who have started using Standing Orders for their offerings to the parish. The total of Standing orders for March 2021: St Michael's £1439.75 St. Bernadette's £930.18 and SS Peter & Paul £ 443.67

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Antony Cosgrove, Tony Penman, Margaret Mulligan, Sheila Botwood, Pritpal Dhanjal, Paul Green, R. J., Keith Tomlins, David Souberry, Ben Sherry, Holly Burke, Mason Kavanagh, Peter Holmes, Alice Stevens, George Brown, Chris Starkey, M Mary, Thomas Mackin, Stephen Briggs, Hilary Elsdon, Katherine Poole, Teresa Mitchell, Ann Bayley, Peggy McHale, Patrick Quinn, Celia Norton, Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Leah Nixon, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Pat Eades, Helen Porter, Mary Kirby, Sheila O'Toole, Tony McGinn, Brendan Bleakley.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Antony Penman, Trudi Gallagher, Terry O'Connor, Anthony Small, Dan O'Hara, Cath Chamberlain, May they rest in peace.

Safeguarding Representatives: Steve & Chris Callow 01902 340775, Ann Shorthouse 01902 326334

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